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Hi Everyone,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer so far. Since this is my first President's message, I would like to introduce myself. But first I would like to thank France for all her time and energy during the past three terms as President for the Association. France did a great job in the role of President and with her ideas and guidance the Association has continued to thrive. One of her lasting legacies is the new recognition program for writing article(s) for Timber Talk, titled "Thank you for Your Contribution "

I have held the position as 1st Vice President the last three terms and before that I was on the Board of Directors since I joined CAWMC in 1998. I have lived in Calgary, Alberta since 2002 that is when my job was transferred from Edmonton. In 2018 I retired after working in the oil and gas industry for 40 years. I am looking forward to my new role and will work on continuing to make CAWMC a vibrant and exciting numismatic club.

As I write this message the 2021 RCNA Virtual Convention is taking place. I have noticed a few members of CAWMC have attended most of the meeting if not all of them so far. It is a little too late to invite members to the CAWMC meeting scheduled for July22nd, but I am sure there will be a good turnout of members who will attend it In past RCNA Conventions the CAWMC breakfast meeting is one of the best attended events of the Convention. I am going to miss the scrumptious breakfast this year, but plan on enjoying it in person next July in Ottawa.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions that will make CAWMC even more successful

Cheers,

***James***

## *Featured Wood of the Month*

For August, the free wood will be a wood issued by Lou & Yvonne Vesh back in 1996 for the then C.N.A. convention held in Montreal, Quebec. Lou and Yvonne distributed this wood freely at that convention and had nearly 100 remaining of the 200 made. This wood was the 111th wood that Lou issued of the nearly 200 total that he has issued over the years. It was Lou's second bilingual wood and at the time of this convention in Montreal , Lou was the President of our CAWMC. The petals of the fleur-de-lys were hand painted by Lou with a soft,white acrylic paint.

This wood is listed in our catalogue under West Guilford as 5944 - 073. and is 38mm in diameter.

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## Thank you Woods

We will send you a different wood for each article submitted and subsequently printed in this Newsletter. Collect all colors!

To qualify, articles should be at least 250 words in length, sent in MS Word format, or handwritten, accompanied by images if possible. Publication of the articles will be at the discretion of the editor. The editor of TT reserves the right to edit and publish the article partially or in its entirety.

The woods, issued in extremely limited quantities (maximum 25 (black) and 15(others)), will be attributed in the following order: 1st article: Black; 2nd article: Red; 3rd article: Royal Blue; 4th article: Green; 5th article: Magenta. 6th article: Purple; 7th article: Teal; 8th article: Bronze.

The woods will be given or mailed to recipients at or around the time of the Annual AGM, at the discretion of the editor.

# How a humble round contributes to saving the environment.

## By France D. Waychison

Back in 2017, I had the chance to visit Las Vegas, and more importantly, its surroundings. As nobody in my family gambles, we each spent about 7 dollars, total, over 4 casinos, just to get a souvenir receipt. Just to say that we were there. You see the style.

We were more interested by a superb tour we took in the Red Rock Canyon, about 90 minutes west of Las Vegas. Some of us also flew over the Grand Canyon and landed in it for a glass of champagne, but that is a story for another day.

The Red Rock Canyon, part of the Mojave Desert, did not disappoint. What a superb environment! There was grand scenery and Early Native American hieroglyphics to discover. We enjoyed every minute of our visit. Naturally, after a great day like that, one needs to hit the gift shop.

As I was paying for a representative and chuck-full of details fridge magnet, I noticed a jar containing 38mm wood tokens, each bearing a sticker showing a tortoise and a big THANK YOU! The other side bears a green sticker of the world. I offered to buy one to add in my collection. I was told that the woods were not for sale and that their purpose was to keep track of how many clients pass on the plastic store bag usually offered to carry the purchase. So, each time a client refuses a bag, one wood is added to the jar. The value of the bag, multiplied by the number of tokens in the jar, is then given to an environmental organisation.

What a splendid idea! How many times have we all been to a store, and purchased a bag that ended up in the recycling bin as soon as we got home?

I remember thinking that I would rather give my money for a good cause than waste it this way.

In any case, I cajoled a bit, explained that yes, some collect those tokens and the employee kindly gave me one. I later found a medal explaining the choice of the tortoise on the wood.

It turns out that the sticker on the wood represents, Maxine, a desert tortoise. Only the desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) can claim the title of official state reptile of Nevada.

As per this copper medal; showing a vista of the Red Rock Canyon, dated 2017 and measuring 30 mm, possibly acquired from a "souvenir distributing machine", Maxine's message is to " Preserve & Conserve", which is very fitting as The Red Rock Canyon is a National Conservation Area.

Maxine even has her own highway crossing, right in the desert!

Magnet attesting of the geological interest of the Red Rock Canyon.

# *Chips from the Woodpile …By Dave Gillespie*

*On January 1st, 2001 we woke up to welcome the 21st century in and we have now looked back and reviewed the first twenty five plus years of C.A.W.M.C. through Timber Talk. As Gary Braumwarth said at the beginning 'an Association is only as strong as it's executive and members". As of today, we have now celebrated our 46th anniversary and it is evident that the dedication, hard work and hours put in by the members over the years have made it a great organization and hobby for everyone.*

*Have you ever asked yourself "Why Woods Are Issued" and "Who Issues All These Woods"? Well, the answer to both questions according to an anonymous article is that some woods are issued for special occasions such as birthday, weddings, and anniversaries. Others are issued for Christmas & New Years, Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and the list goes on. And finally, some woods are issued for municipalities, organizations, clubs, etc. Along with that here are some interesting facts about some wooden money and token issuers. Did you know that statistically of the twenty-three C.N.A. presidents (up to 2001) twelve have issued one or more woods, that the last ten presidents all issued woods and of the twenty-three, nine belonged to C.A.W.M.C. Also, five of the last nine O.N.A. presidents issued woods and are members of C.A.W.M.C. as well. Coin clubs are frequent issuers of woods for shows, anniversaries, and special events. As woods became more popular as an advertising media from the late forties through to the seventies businesses and communities were the main issuers. By the eighties, many collectors were issuing personal woods for shows, Christmas, anniversaries, birthdays, and more. At the time of this article (May 2001) it was reported that more than six thousand different Canadian woods were listed in the catalogue and that number has jumped to over nine thousand today.*

*"Wood Is Good – Du Bois C'est Bien ".*

*The Prince George Chamber of Commerce announced that a printing error was made on approximately twenty of the 2001 Spruce Dollars. The error was in the number "90" and although the correct wood was being sold for $3.00 plus postage, they chose to sell the error woods to a few collectors at a premium price. Do you think that the Chamber of Commerce should have sold the error woods or destroyed them? Should the error wood be listed in the Canadian catalogue?*

*Statistically, people are living longer but ask yourselves how many of us are lucky enough to live past three score or sixty years? Then ask yourself how often you have read about a couple celebrating sixty years of marriage? A remarkable milestone! On March 29th, 2001 a wood was issued to recognize the 60th wedding anniversary of George & Doris Fraser. What a wonderful celebration and I hope that they*

*celebrated with lots of family and friends along with cake and ice cream!!!*

*Bass River Chairs of Miramichi, N.B. issued a very attractive wood offering a $5.00 discount on purchases of $25.00 or more. If you see it in Norm Belsten's picture catalogue you will be impressed.*

*The Ontario Numismatic Association reached a milestone in celebrating the 40th Annual Convention hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club in London, Ontario from April 12th to 14th, 2002. The wooden money meeting at the convention was well attended with seven convention woods surfacing along with Norm Belsten's Ontario Picture Catalogue in 'draft', auction items and draw prizes.*

*Eric Jensen provided the Editor with pictures and descriptions of fourteen new Newfoundland and Labrador wood from his collection to display in the newsletter and have recorded in the Canadian catalogue of wooden money. Eric also provided the Editor with enough of one of those woods to become a "free wood of the month".*

*Always remember that together, things can be accomplished! Your Editor is always looking for a story or an article to publish and share with our members. If somebody else can give time and support, so can you.*

*AND now for another quiz question:*

*Who issued a broomstick wood with only the letter "M" stamped on the obverse and the number "5" on the reverse?*

*'Til next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall.* ***Dave Gillespie***

## *Answer to the quiz question of July 2021*

*Q. Who had a wood made in honour of his 100th Birthday?*

*A. Walter Loudon in 1999 – wood # 4620-063*